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**SUBJECT:** Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition

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## BACKGROUND:

Howard Choy, from the Los Angeles County Energy Management Division, will present information on the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition. The Coalition is an association of California public entities formed to share information and resources to strengthen and leverage their communities' commitments to a sustainable energy future – a future that provides for essential energy resources, restrains energy demand, increases energy efficiency and renewable energy production, and improves energy security and reliability, while enhancing environmental values and community well-being.

Local governments are increasingly aware of the critical roles that energy plays in building and maintaining sustainable communities. The Coalition is an effort to increase the influence of local governments on the impacts, availability, and reliability of future energy use in California by speaking with one voice at regional, state, and federal venues.

The Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition could also provide a foundation for planning and action to secure a sustainable energy future for our communities and the larger regions they comprise. One area where local governments could get involved is the policy implementation of AB 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act). AB 32 may impact a variety of local government operations including:


- Utility rates
- Energy efficiency programs
- Alternative fuels standards
- Landfill gas use
- Building efficiency standards/codes
- Water efficiency programs
- Smart land use
- Transportation efficiency

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The review of the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition is covered under the Environmental Planning Staff work element 07-020.SCGS1.

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